



EQIP Activity Sheet: EAS528-1 Stockpile/Strip-Graze Forage

Minimum Criteria to Qualify for the Stockpile/strip graze payment.

The objective of this activity is: better distribution of manure through the grazing animal, decreased impact of grazing animals on hay feeding areas (thus decreasing manure/nutrient concentrations and maintaining ground cover), and reduced energy costs associated with making and feeding hay.

General Criteria:

Where Applicable:

- This activity is applicable to fields that are primarily tall fescue with a good stand.
- This activity is limited to a maximum of one acre per animal unit (one animal unit is equal to 1000 lbs live weight).

Documentation for Payment:

- Use the table on page 2 for documentation each year. Maintain records of nutrient applications. The practice may also be certified by the use of MO-CONS-10 provided by the NRCS field office.
- Attach a plan map or aerial photo showing the location of the management units which were stockpiled and strip-grazed. A Livestock-Forage Balance Analysis (Graze4) must be done covering all forage production acres (grazed, hay, silage, etc.); it should be recognized that stocking must be at a level where grazing provides adequate feed for more than 300 days if stockpiling/strip-grazing is to be effective in reducing hay feeding

Specific Criteria:

Stockpiling:

- Livestock shall be removed from fields to be stockpiled between August 1 and August 31.
- Fields will have spring growth removed (to 3 to 6 inches) by haying, grazing, or clipping between August 1 and August 31. No grazing is allowed after this date until November 15.
- To be eligible for the incentive payment no haying is allowed on these fields between August 31 and April 1.

Nutrient Requirements:

- Between 30 and 60 lbs per acre of actual nitrogen will be applied between August 1 and September 1. If the stand is very good and vigorous and moisture is adequate then up to 80 lb. of N may be applied.
- Applications of phosphorus and potassium will be made according to a current soil test.

Strip-Grazing:

- Grazing of these acres will occur between November 15th and April 1st
- Use temporary electric fencing to divide the field into strips that are sized to provide adequate forage for as few as one (1) but not more than three (3) days
- Allocation should begin in the area closest to a freeze-proof water source and progressing through the field by moving the temporary fencing forward every one to three days
- A minimum grazing height of two (2) inches will be maintained.

Record of Stockpiling and Strip-Grazing of Forage During Winter Months

Name:				Date Submitted:		
Tract and field number <i>(use field numbers from your conservation plan)</i>	Date/ Amount (lbs/ac) Nitrogen applied	Number of animals on field	Ave. weight (lbs)	Dates utilized	Estimated Acres Stockpiled /Strip- grazed	Days of allocation or Days between fence moves
<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">Example</div> <div>Tract 442; Field 9</div>	August 20/ 45 lbs/ac	58	1100	Dec. 1, 2006 to Feb. 10, 2007	25	2

Use of Stockpile/Strip-Graze Certification

My signature certifies that these records accurately represent the application of this EQIP activity on my farm.

EQIP Participant Signature

Date

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